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(**Editor's Note:** The full online version of *Supergram* is available at <http://www.fcps.edu/mediapub/publicat/sgm.htm>.)

H1N1 Virus (Swine Flu) Update

Fairfax County Public Schools is collaborating with the Fairfax County Health Department to monitor the H1N1 (swine flu) virus situation in the country and locally in Fairfax County. Information for FCPS employees has been posted on FCPSnet, including identifying symptoms, practicing prevention, knowing what to do if someone is sick at your location, and preparing contingency plans for learning activities should a school need to close. The page will be updated as new information becomes available. Get details at <http://fcpsnet.fcps.edu/supt/swineflu/index.htm>.

Three FCPS Schools Named Title I Distinguished Schools

Belvedere Elementary, Pine Spring Elementary, and Sleepy Hollow Elementary have been named Title I Distinguished Schools by the Virginia Board of Education. The awards recognize schools that have raised academic achievement for economically disadvantaged students and are based on state assessments during the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. Get details at <http://commweb.fcps.edu/newsreleases/newsrelease.cfm?newsid=1153>.

Brian Binggeli Named Superintendent of Brevard Public Schools

Brian Binggeli, assistant superintendent of Cluster IV, has been named superintendent of Brevard Public Schools in Viera, Florida. Get details at <http://commweb.fcps.edu/newsreleases/newsrelease.cfm?newsid=1154>.

Reduction in Force Information and Resources Posted Online

In response to both manager and employee concerns surrounding reductions in force (RIF), the Department of Human Resources has posted documents on FCPSnet to increase understanding of the policies and processes. Get details at <http://fcpsnet.fcps.edu/hr/rif/>.

FCPS Honored for Commitment to Music Education by NAMM

Fairfax County Public Schools is one of 124 school districts nationwide to be cited for its commitment to and support of music education in the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation's tenth annual Best Communities for Music Education survey. Get details at <http://commweb.fcps.edu/newsreleases/newsrelease.cfm?newsid=1145>.

Spotlight Your School or Department on Red Apple 21, Submit Your Story Idea

The Department of Communications and Community Outreach (DCCO) is looking for good news to share on FCPS' cable television channel Red Apple 21. Employees can submit their story ideas online through the Media Tips form (http://fcpsnet/cco/medcri/media/docs/mediatip_form.shtml) or to their principal or program director. DCCO meets each June with departments and clusters to identify stories for the next school year. For more information, contact Lori Knickerbocker at 571-423-1205 or lori.knickerbocker@fcps.edu.

Department Newsletters

The spring 2009 edition of the ERFC member newsletter *Retirement Review* has been posted online. Get details at http://www.fcps.edu/ERFC/pdf/publications/Actives_Spr09.pdf.

FCPS by the Numbers

5: The number of FCPS students to win a first place award at the Virginia History Day Competition. Get details at <http://commweb.fcps.edu/newsreleases/newsrelease.cfm?newsid=1151>.

Important Notice for *Supergram* Article Submissions

Article submissions for *Supergram* should be sent to Andy Grunig at andy.grunig@fcps.edu. **The next issue will be posted on May 20. Articles for that issue are due no later than Wednesday, May 13.** If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, Grunig can be reached at 571-423-1212. **Please Note:** The *Job Opportunities* publication and web pages are provided by the **Department of Human Resources**.

Quote to Note

"The most important thing an institution does is not to prepare a student for a career but for a life as a citizen."

Frank Newman

About Our People

- **Deirdre Lavery**, who has served as principal at Glasgow Middle School since 2004 and has been a Fairfax County Public Schools employee for 22 years, has been named the FCPS 2009 Principal of the Year and is the recipient of the Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award. Lavery is one of 21 principals—representing the public school systems in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area and private schools—selected by the Washington Post for the award.

Lavery began her career as a special education teacher at Frost Middle School in 1987. She was named department chair at Frost in 1990 and in 1996 moved to Belle Willard Center to become a specialist in contract services. She worked as an assistant

principal at Groveton Elementary in 1998 before being named principal at Twain Center in 2000. She was named to head Glasgow Middle in 2004.

As the principal of an International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years school with high numbers of students living in poverty, families who have limited proficiency in English, and many students with disabilities, Lavery empowers her staff to take leadership roles in an effort to help all students succeed. Nominator Robert Harrison, who is the IB Middle Years coordinator at Glasgow, says that Lavery lives by two main rules: students seldom rise above the highest expectations that we hold for them, and a school never rises above the philosophy and practice of its principal. "Mrs. Lavery believes that when you teach with excellence, test scores will follow, and that even then, they are only one marker of achievement," says Harrison.

Test results from the 2007-08 school year found Glasgow "warned" in math after grade-level math tests were introduced to meet the demands of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), which nearly doubled the number of students pursuing and achieving in accelerated and advanced math. Because these students' end-of-course high school tests do not count toward a middle school's state accreditation, Glasgow's middle school math proficiency rate dropped below 70 percent. Under Lavery's leadership, staff members wrote grant proposals, rotated positions, completed extensive professional development, and established new supervisory procedures. "We developed what our state oversight team deemed the best response and action plan they had ever seen. Although our (state appointed) intervention team leader said it could not be done, in just a year we were again fully accredited," explains Harrison.

Also nominated for FCPS' 2009 Principal of the Year award were Daniel Parris, principal of Rocky Run; **Alice Alexander**, principal of North Springfield; **Cynthia Botzin**, principal of Braddock; **Christina Dickens**, principal of Annandale Terrace; and **Roberto Pamas**, principal of Holmes. View the press release at <http://commweb.fcps.edu/newsreleases/newsrelease.cfm?newsid=1118>.

For more information about FCPS' employee awards, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/DHR/employees/awards/index.htm>.

- **Brian Hull**, principal of Colin Powell Elementary School and a 25-year employee of Fairfax County Public Schools, has been selected as Virginia's 2009 National Distinguished Principal by the Virginia Association for Elementary School Principals (VAESP).

Previously, Hull was named the FCPS 2008 Principal of the Year and recipient of the Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award. As the first and only principal of Powell Elementary, Hull is known as a hands-on administrator whose frequent positive recognitions for students and staff members are welcome and sought after by members of the school community. Parents have praised him for building a strong school community and for improving communication with minority parent communities.

Faculty and other staff members commend Hull for encouraging them to think outside the box to ensure that every child is challenged to learn and for supporting and motivating young educators to become administrators.

Hull was nominated and selected by his fellow principals during a statewide search process conducted by VAESP. Criteria, set by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the U.S. Department of Education, require nominees to be active principals of schools where programs are designed to meet the academic and social needs of all students and where there are firmly established community ties with parents and local business organizations.

Hull joined FCPS in 1984 as principal of Bush Hill Center, a program for students with physical challenges. He served as assistant principal of Brookfield Elementary School, acting principal of the former Jermantown Elementary School, then as principal of Brookfield, Willow Springs, and Franklin Sherman Elementary Schools before being tapped as principal of the new Colin Powell Elementary School in 2003. He earned his bachelor's degree from Westfield State College in Massachusetts and his master's in education from George Washington University. He has completed postgraduate work at the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, and George Mason University.

- **Greg Walsh**, social studies teacher at Falls Church, has been named one of three winners of the 2009 American Civics Education Teacher Award (ACETA), sponsored by the Center for Civic Education. Falls Church High School is a Fairfax County public school.

Walsh began teaching five years ago after working for two decades as a trade association executive and a trial attorney. In those careers, he encountered concepts and principles he had learned in high school social studies classes including democracy, citizenship, community, public service, equal protection, and due process. "It struck me that students, particularly high school students, would benefit if the excitement of that interaction—of the polling place, the Congress, or the courts—were brought to the classroom for them to experience directly," says Walsh. "The prospect of being a part of that excitement prompted me to change careers."

Using the philosophy that students learn by doing, Walsh has his U.S. and Virginia Government students participate in a two-week simulation of the U.S. Senate, drafting their own bills, electing Senate and party leaders, forming standing committees, conducting markups, holding floor debates, and voting. To study the executive branch, the class simulates a National Security Council meeting, and, for the judicial branch, students simulate appellate arguments on civil rights, due process, and equal protection issues. This year, Walsh introduced a new course—Law in Action—in which students work as teams in the roles of judges, jurors, attorneys, and reporters who analyze, write, argue, and listen to cases.

Walsh sponsors the Falls Church Model United Nations Club and has coached students for the National High School Moot Court competition. This past fall, he provided support to several students interested in organizing a mock presidential debate. View the press release at <http://commweb.fcps.edu/newsreleases/newsrelease.cfm?newsid=1142>.

- **Linda Martin**, advanced academic resource teacher at Dogwood, has been selected to attend the 2009 Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy. This year's academy is scheduled for July 19 through 24 at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, New Jersey.

More than 1,600 teachers applied to attend the academy. The selection panel based its decision on qualifications, dedication to inspiring students at an early age, and an overall commitment to enhancing the teaching profession.

The Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy was launched in 2005 to provide third-through fifth-grade teachers with tools to enhance curricula, and the opportunity to network with other educators and to discover innovative ways to teach math and science to students.

- Two staffers at Hayfield Secondary recently completed their doctorates. **Latoria Fleming**, high school counselor, earned her Ph.D. in counselor education from North Carolina State University. Her dissertation topic was "The Evolution of Cultural Competence in Transracial Adoptive Parents." The focus of the study was to measure changes in cultural competence over the first five years of adoption in parents who adopted children of a races different from their own. **Ken Halla**, high school social studies chair, earned his Ph.D. in political science from George Washington University. His dissertation was titled "Hispanics: The Typical American Voter? Comparing the Voting Behavior of Hispanics, Whites, and African-Americans."

In addition, two other Hayfield staffers **Charity Fisher**, social studies teacher, and **Mary Spatz**, chemistry teacher, were chosen by the Educational Testing Service to be Advanced Placement readers in world history and biology, respectively. Fisher is the first Hayfield staff member to be selected to grade AP exams for that subject. Halla was also chosen to be an Advanced Placement reader for U.S. government.

- Several FCPS employees have recently authored books. They include:
 - **Lee-Allison Sibley**, Spanish teacher at Hughes, who published *Jordan's Jewish Drama Queen*, which is about teaching in the Middle East, and changing perspectives through education, and takes the reader on a journey into the very soul of Arab life in Amman, Jordan
 - **Tish Howard**, principal of Washington Mill, who coauthored *Poverty Is Not a Learning Disability, Equalizing Opportunities for Low SES Students*, which offers an in-depth look at schools that have realized effective results in remarkable time frames. The authors challenge educators and parents to consider how low expectations can affect student achievement—and emphasize optimism as a necessary tenet of schools' day-to-day teaching and learning programs and school-community relationships.
 - **Mary Woods**, librarian at Graham Road, who was the coauthor of a seven-book series, *The Seven Natural Wonders of the World*. This follows the seven-book series *The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World*. The Natural Wonders titles focus on the incredible variety of geography throughout the world. Each book focuses on a different continent and explains how the wonders were formed. The Ancient Wonders series also focuses on the continents and gives a look at the civilizations that built these architectural wonders.

How Do I Get Mentioned in About Our People?

Submit your good news for **About Our People** to *Supergram* editor Andy Grunig at andy.grunig@fcps.edu. We want to hear from you!

What Type of Information Is Used in About Our People?

The following categories of items will be published:

- Employees who publish articles or books.
- Those who successfully defend doctoral dissertations.
- Employees who receive regional, state, or national awards for their professional accomplishments.
- Employees elected to serve on regional, state, or national education organizations.
- Employees who give presentations at regional, state, or national meetings.
- Those who receive grants or are selected for scholarships that involve travel or the sharing of ideas.

Editor's Note: Send your electronic photo along with your good news.

Benefits

New and Improved UConnect to Debut May 19

UConnect, the source for all your payroll, leave balance, and benefits information, is undergoing an upgrade to better serve you! UConnect will debut May 19 with a new look and feel, as well as an easier log on; you will simply log in using your regular system logon and password (the same logon and password you use to log onto your computer every morning!).

Please note: UConnect will be unavailable from **May 15 to May 18** during the system upgrade.

If you have limited computer access or if you need help logging on, contact the HR Client Service Center at 571-423-3000, or stop by the Department of Human Resources at Gatehouse Administration Center I for assistance. To log on to UConnect, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/DHR/uconnect>.

2009 Service Awards to Be Delivered Starting May 11

Service awards are scheduled for delivery to work locations starting the week of **May 11**. Employees who have reached distinguished benchmarks in their employment history will receive recognition and awards prior to June 30.

Certificates and awards will be given as follows:

- 10 years—certificate, crystal keepsake box.
- 15 years—certificate, leather pencil cup or clock.

- 20 years—certificate, acrylic photo cube, and \$100.
- 25 years—certificate and \$200.
- 30 years—certificate and \$500.
- 35 years—certificate and \$1,000.
- 40 years and over—certificate, rosewood mantle clock, and \$1,000.

Employees will receive the cash awards in their June paychecks and are reminded that taxes will be deducted beforehand.

Want to Learn New Skills at Your Own Pace? Try eLearnIT!

The Department of Information Technology's eLearnIT web site provides, via the Internet, skills development training that is available **free of charge** to any employee of Fairfax County Public Schools. These courses offer FCPS employees a wide variety of training opportunities designed to enhance critical business, professional, and IT skills.

With eLearnIT you get:

- Access to more than 2,000 interactive and engaging online courses at a variety of skill levels—online and self-paced for your training development or for use as a quick reference tool.
- Admission to “Books 24x7,” a Skillsoft web site that has thousands of up-to-date, searchable books, online, to be used for study and reference. Favorites can be placed on bookshelves for easy access.
- 24x7x365 availability—your time frame and your Windows computer. You can learn at your own pace, bookmark your place for return later, and download courses for work offline.
- Online mentoring—quick answers to your specific questions.

Visit <http://www.fcps.edu/MTS/TrainingServices/elearn/> to learn more about eLearnIT. Register now and start learning today!

FCPS Online Classifieds Free for Employees

(Note: If you are trying to access the classifieds from your home computer, you will need to use the virtual private network (VPN), because the classifieds are located on the **FCPS intranet.**)

The FCPS Online Classifieds system—**which is for employees only** and, as such, can be found on FCPSnet (the FCPS employee intranet) at <http://commapps.fcps.edu/classifieds>—is a free way for employees to post ads for personally owned items that they are seeking to buy, sell, or give away, such as electronics, real estate, items for children, fitness and sports equipment, furniture, pets, cars, and tickets. It's also a great tool to help an employee **look for**

someone to share a ride to work, find a roommate, or rent real estate.

Ads for employee-owned businesses or school or workplace fund-raisers will not be accepted. A complete list of **rules of use** can be found at <http://commapps.fcps.edu/classifieds/Policy.cfm>.

Due to server restrictions, **electronic photos cannot be uploaded along with postings**. Feel free to include information in your posting that a picture is available by e-mail upon request. For answers to some other frequently asked questions, go to <http://commapps.fcps.edu/classifieds/FAQ.cfm>.

The FCPS Online Classifieds system is completely self-service and allows users to post new ads or update or renew existing ads at any time. Highlights and security features of the FCPS Online Classifieds system include:

- A user must log in using his or her existing FCPS network user name and password.
- A user must agree to the posted conditions before submitting an ad. **A user cannot use his or her FCPS phone number or e-mail address as a listed point of contact.**
- Active ads are searchable by date, category, and keyword.
- Ads will be reviewed by the system administrator before they are posted online. **Ads will be approved or denied within two to three business days** or as soon as resources allow. An automatic e-mail will be sent upon approval or denial to a user who includes a personal e-mail address as part of his or her contact information.
- A user who includes a personal e-mail address as part of his or her contact information will receive an automatic e-mail reminder before the ad is set to expire.

For more information, contact Andy Grunig at andy.grunig@fcps.edu. If you encounter a technical problem, contact Phung Trinh at phung.trinh@fcps.edu.

Send Your Success Stories

Have you used the FCPS Online Classifieds to buy or sell anything or to rent a room or a house, or do you have any other FCPS Online Classifieds success story you would like to share? Send your stories to andy.grunig@fcps.edu.

Did You Know?

Spring WebStar Winners Announced

The new FCPS WebStar Awards (previously known as the Best Practices Awards) will be awarded three times each year by the Department of Communications and Community Outreach to the web curators of three elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school for school web sites that best demonstrate the following criteria:

- Usefulness of content.

- Clarity of design.
- Ease of navigation.
- Adherence to FCPS web policies.

The spring WebStar winners are:

- **Carrington Crabbe**, Laurel Ridge Elementary.
- **Laura Jones**, McNair Elementary.
- **Andrea Ricketts**, Stratford Landing Elementary.
- **Megan Farrelly**, Twain Middle School.
- **Starlyn Comai**, Falls Church High School.

Nominations will be gathered during the months of September, December, and March, and all FCPS school and department web curators will vote on the entire list of nominees. All WebStar winners will automatically be eligible for the Best of the Web awards, to be given in May.

For more information, contact Nancy Moy at nancy.moy@fcps.edu or 571-423-1221.

Leonard Bumbaca Named ERFC Trustee

The Educational Employees' Retirement System of Fairfax County (ERFC) Board of Trustees election to fill one trustee vacancy will not be conducted as planned for May 12 through May 14. Section V. of Notice 4771 states that "if only one properly processed nomination petition is submitted, the voting instructions will be waived and the successful candidate announced."

Leonard Bumbaca, mathematics teacher at Annandale, was unopposed and will serve as an ERFC trustee for three years beginning July 1.

Nominations Now Open for Spillane Leadership Award, Deadline Is May 22

Nominations for the Robert R. Spillane Leadership Award are now being accepted. The Spillane Leadership Award honors two outstanding FCPS employees who, through their leadership, have made a significant impact on students. This award opportunity focuses on recognizing someone in FCPS who "keeps the main thing the main thing."

Award winners will be recognized at the annual Leadership Conference on August 5. Information and the nomination form are available online at www.fcps.edu/DHR/employees/awards/index.htm. The nomination deadline is **May 22**.

Support Services Employees' Advisory Council Election Results Announced

Congratulations to the new Support Services Employees' Advisory Council (SSEAC) representatives. They are:

- **Brenda Zikowitz** for Group 1—Bus Driver and Attendants.

- **Ted Simms** for Group 3—Food and Nutrition Services.
- **Steve Rorls** for Group 4—Custodial and Plant Operations.
- **David Kuckenbecker** for Group 7—Management and Administrative.
- **Richie Scarbrough** for Group 8—Educational Support.

SSEAC's new representatives will serve a two-year term providing a liaison between management and employees from their specific community-of-interest groups. New representatives are invited to attend the April 30 SSEAC meeting.

Service Animals in FCPS Buildings

FCPS permits service animals access in all its public areas, to include schools, in accordance with federal and state law. A service animal is "any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability." A service animal is not a pet but can perform some of the functions and tasks that an individual with a disability cannot perform himself or herself. Generally, therapy animals are not considered service animals and, therefore, are not permitted.

The ongoing use of a service animal by staff members, parents, or members of the community must be coordinated through the Office of Equity and Compliance. To coordinate a student's use of a service animal, contact the Office of Monitoring and Compliance at 571-423-4210. If you have any questions regarding service animals in FCPS buildings, contact the Office of Equity and Compliance at 571-423-3050.

Information for Educators

Tuition Reimbursement Deadlines for Spring and Summer 2009 Requests

Changes in the FCPS tuition reimbursement program became effective with the spring 2009 semester. The newly enacted Tuition Assistance Regulation 9005 establishes five priorities for tuition reimbursement and can be found at <http://www.fcps.edu/plt/treimbursement.htm>. The regulation outlines the approval process, when and how to apply for tuition reimbursement, and the Tuition Reimbursement Request form (PLT-905).

When to Apply for Tuition Reimbursement

- Tuition reimbursement must be preapproved.
- The last date to submit a Tuition Reimbursement Request form (PLT-905) for coursework to be completed during the spring 2009 semester is May 15.
- The last date to submit a summer 2009 Tuition Reimbursement Request form is June 30.
- A request for tuition reimbursement will not be approved after the last day on which a course meets.
- The employee must complete the NEW (PLT-905) tuition reimbursement request form located at <http://www.fcps.edu/plt/treimbursement.htm> and submit the completed application to the Department of Professional Learning and Training, Dunn Loring Center.

- Upon receipt of the request, the Department of Professional Learning and Training will notify the employee of the approval or denial of his or her request. Once a tuition reimbursement request is approved, the funds will be held in reserve for the employee.

How to Receive a Tuition Reimbursement Payment

To receive a reimbursement payment for spring 2009 and summer 2009 tuition reimbursement requests:

- Tuition reimbursement payments will be initiated after the approved course has been satisfactorily completed with a grade of “A” or “B” or “Pass” (if it is Pass-Fail) for a graduate-level course, or “C” or better for an undergraduate course as verified by an unofficial university transcript and/or grade report and proof of payment from the college or university.
- Grade verification and proof-of-payment for spring 2009 and summer 2009 course work ending on or before June 30 must be received by the Department of Professional Learning and Training, Dunn Loring Center, by June 30.
- Tuition reimbursement payments are paid monthly and are included in the employee’s paycheck.

Note: The cost of textbooks, miscellaneous fees, travel, etc., is not reimbursed by the tuition reimbursement program. Substitutes, hourly paid employees, and employees on leaves of absence are ineligible for tuition reimbursement. Final determination of an employee’s eligibility for tuition reimbursement shall rest with the assistant superintendent, Department of Professional Learning and Training, or his or her designee.

Questions regarding tuition reimbursement should be directed to Rita Cloutier, Department of Professional Learning and Training, by phone at 703-204-3905 or by e-mail to Rita.Cloutier@fcps.edu.

University of Virginia Regional Educational Leadership Endorsement Program Information Meeting to Be Held May 18

The University of Virginia is offering a regional Educational Leadership Endorsement program beginning in fall 2009 in collaboration with Northern Virginia school divisions. The program is for any teacher who holds a five-year renewable license and who wants to obtain the administrative endorsement necessary for consideration for the school-based administrative positions of assistant principal, principal, and student activities director. Enrollment will be limited to 30 people.

Selection criteria include three years of teaching experience with at least one year in FCPS and outstanding teaching ability. Participants will pay tuition and book costs. Representatives from the University of Virginia will provide information about the program, the application and selection process, coursework, and internship requirements at a meeting on Monday, May 18, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Leis Center in the multipurpose room.

To register for the information session, contact the Department of Professional Learning and Training by sending an e-mail to Rita Cloutier at rita.cloutier@fcps.edu. Include your name, work location, and telephone number in the e-mail.

2009 Leadership Conference Speaker Announced

The 2009-10 Leadership Conference will be held on Wednesday, August 5, at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria. Dr. Jack D. Dale will kick off the day promptly at 8 a.m. with a welcome,

introduction of guests, and his vision for the new school year. The morning keynote speaker will be **Tony Wagner**, bestselling author of *The Global Achievement Gap*. Wagner is codirector of the Change Leadership Group (CLG) at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He consults with schools, districts, and foundations and has served as senior advisor to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Dr. Dale will dismiss support administrators at 11:45 a.m., and shuttle bus service will be available for transportation back to initial pick-up locations. Instructional school-based administrators will remain for a keynote presentation in the high school cafeteria where a box lunch will be served. To facilitate efficient use of time in the afternoon, lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Breakout sessions will begin promptly at 1 p.m. Shuttle buses will pick up administrators immediately after the sessions end at 3:45 p.m.

Updates will be posted as they become available on the Department of Professional Learning and Training web site, found at <http://www.fcps.edu/plt>.

Beth Tally Named News Liaison of the Month for March

Beth Tally, career and transition teacher at Chantilly Academy, has been named the **News Liaison of the Month for March** by the Department of Communications and Community Outreach (DCCO). This new recognition program rewards school news liaisons for submitting newsworthy media tips and creative photographs.

Tally regularly submits news releases to the *Connection*, the *Times*, and the *Chronicle Newspapers* touting the accomplishments of Chantilly Academy students and staff members. Among her March submissions were an article on the Chantilly Academy Robotics Team and Chantilly High DECA students. She also submitted photos of DECA club members and winners at the state DECA competition as well as photos of SkillsUSA competition winners.

Tally, who has been employed by FCPS for nine years and at Chantilly Academy for seven years, received a \$25 gift card from Starbucks for being named March's News Liaison of the Month.

Summer Academy Catalog Available Online on May 7, Registration Begins May 20

The FCPS Summer Academy catalog will be available online beginning **May 7** at <http://www.fcps.edu/plt/catalogs.htm>. Online registration will be available beginning **May 20**. **All employees must register through MyPLT.**

Follow these steps to use My PLT for the first time:

- Go to <http://www.fcps.edu/plt/MyPLT/index.html>.
- Click on the LOGIN button.
- Type your FCPS domain name in the username field.
- Type the same domain name in the password field.
- Click on the LOGIN button.
- You will be prompted to type a new password with a maximum length of eight characters.

If you have problems with your user name or password, contact the IT Service Desk at 703-503-1600 or ITServiceDesk@fcps.edu.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Information Meeting Set for May 21

A National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) information meeting on the certification process will be held from **4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21**, in the Instruction and Professional Development (IPD) room at the Fairfax Education Association (FEA) office, located at 3917 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030.

The NBPTS seeks to establish and maintain high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. Each candidate for NBPTS certification undergoes an assessment process that includes four portfolios of the teacher's work and six assessment center exercises.

NBPTS certification is available in the following fields for secondary teachers: English/language arts, math, science, social studies, career and technical studies, health education, music, foreign language, physical education, and art. Generalist certificates, as well as art, music, and physical education certificates, are available for elementary school teachers.

Certificates are also available for teachers of students with exceptional needs (students birth to 18+), library media (students 3 to 18+), and for teachers of English as a new language (ages 3 to 18+), literacy: reading-language arts (ages 3 to 12), and school counseling (ages 3 to 18+).

Fairfax County Public Schools has more than 300 teachers certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. The Virginia Department of Education and FCPS offer stipends, dependent on budget availability, to teachers who attain NBPTS certification.

If you plan to attend or need additional information about NBPTS, send an e-mail to Patty Dimetres, national board program manager, Department of Professional Learning and Training, at patricia.dimetres@fcps.edu.

People on the Move

Editor's Note: Information for **People on the Move** is provided by the Department of Human Resources, Office of Employment Services.

Promotions

- **Peggy Brown** from custodian I to custodian II at Louise Archer.
- **Evezezer Oware** from custodian I at Washington Mill to custodian II at Woodley Hills.
- **Treasa Williams-Harris** from assistant building supervisor to building supervisor at Poe.
- **James Brammer** from groundskeeper I to groundskeeper II, facilities management, at Woodson Complex.
- **Hallie Marcotte** from coordinator III, cluster support, to director II, special education procedural support, in the Department of Special Services

- **Katharine Roed** from coordinator III, cluster support, to director III, special education instruction in the Department of Special Services.
- **Teresa Zutter** from director II, alternative schools, to director II, intervention and prevention services, in the Department of Special Services.

Transfers

- **Olga Fuentes** from custodian I at Robinson to custodian I at West Potomac.
- **Enrique Pedemonte** from custodian I at Fairfax to custodian I at Washington Mill.
- **Maquita Alexander** from assistant principal at Providence to assistant principal at Timber Lane.
- **Brendan Menuey** from assistant principal at Lake Anne to assistant principal at Coates.
- **Baek Chong** from assistant principal at South County to assistant principal at Laurel Hill.

Staff Development

- **Martin Gross** from counselor at Silverbrook to assistant principal at Island Creek.

Acting

- **Tawana Carr** from teacher at Computer Enhanced Instruction Seven Corners to assistant principal at Haycock.
- **Raquel Alcaraz-Figueroa** from assistant principal at Bucknell to principal at Bucknell.
- **Jane Dreyfuss** from director, Cluster VIII, to assistant principal at Lane Anne.
- **Kenneth Junge** from teacher to assistant principal at Armstrong.

New Hires and Appointments

- **Silvia Hernandez** to public health training assistant at West Springfield High.
- **Felicia Mormon** to student information assistant I/II at Powell.

FCPS Remembers

About FCPS Remembers

Information for FCPS Remembers is provided by the Educational Employees Retirement System of Fairfax County (ERFC) for its members and by the Department of Human Resources for members of the Fairfax County Employees Retirement System (FCERS). In the event of the death of any active employee who is now contributing to the ERFC and/or the VRS retirement systems, or any retiree who retired from these systems, **notify the ERFC retirement office by calling 703-426-3900**. The retirement office will provide the names to *Supergram* with details of the deceased's employment with FCPS. In the event of the death of an active member or retiree of **FCERS, notify Benefit Processing at 571-423-3200**.

- **Arthur Gillis**, teacher at Edison, who retired March 16, 1974, and who died March 25.
- **Robert Rooks**, music teacher at Stuart, who retired July 1, 1988, and who died April 15.
- **Lourene Pulfrey**, teacher at Sunrise Valley, who retired July 1, 1979, and who died January 10.
- **Josephus Michael**, principal at Marshall, who retired June 1, 1988, and who died March 25.
- **Valerie Munsterman**, teacher at Greenbriar West, who retired July 1, 2006, and who died April 5.
- **Emilie McDaniel**, secretary at Lake Anne, who retired July 1, 1986, and who died March 1.
- **Evelyn Norment**, librarian at Great Falls, who retired July 1, 1979, and who died April 7.